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## News Release

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### ***Mississippi Oyster Reef Area to Reopen March 21***

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has announced the reopening of Area VIII “B” Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, **for tonging only, effective Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at legal sunrise.**

- **Area VIII “B” Conditionally Approved Waters** (reopening) in east Jackson County, which includes the following: the South Rigolets, L’Isle Chaude, L’Isle Chaude Bay, Jose Bayou, Jose Bay, portions of the North Rigolets, northern portions of Point Aux Chenes Bay, including the area locally known as Graw Point Bay and the southern portions of Middle Bay.

The following areas will be closed to harvest: Bangs Lake, Middle Bayou, Southwest Bayou and Clay Bayou. **All other Mississippi waters will remain closed to harvest.**

**For more information on the open and closed areas, call the DMR’s 24-hour Oyster Information Hot Line at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.**

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at [www.dmr.state.ms.us](http://www.dmr.state.ms.us).

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